

SENATOR KELLY: There is nothing in the law about the number of children. This is in the Department of Welfare's regulations.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, then the regulations said it was seven before and you are upping that to nine, is that correct? Senator Kelly, let me briefly say, I have gotten more calls on this piece of legislation than most any other piece of legislation that I have seen, that last year and this year a number of housewives and women with children have said that this is the most dastardly bill that ever came across the legislative floor. Now I am not sure that I understand exactly why it's a dastardly bill but I do understand those people, the calls that I have been getting, that this is going to deregulate, going to reduce the standards on a lot of homes and it could be very disadvantageous for the child care of young children. I know of your concern for children and so forth and I am really trying to figure out, trying to figure out just exactly a little better what're the intentions here and how we are going to deal with this.

SENATOR KELLY: The only possible way you can attack this bill is to say that it is going to do away with licensing a day care center which is a lie.

SENATOR NEWELL: The problem I am still having, if it is not, Senator Kelly, please, I am still having is that the deregulation here, it is saying that you are going to be not emphasizing the day care centers any longer. The Welfare Department will no longer be doing that for anybody that lives in their home. So what sort of day care centers are you talking about? How have you defined day care centers then?

SENATOR KELLY: Day care centers would be those places, Senator Newell, that are taking care of children "on a commercial basis". This would be a way. Now we have like this Tiny Tot Manor type things which basically really are pre-schools which "are day care centers". They are not neighborhood baby-sitting operations. They are day care centers. We recognize them as such. They should be controlled and they should be understood because the people that are patronizing those services are not in the unique position to where they have a personal relationship that they know what is going on.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Kelly, one other question, then. I have a neighborhood center down the street from where I live not more than six blocks which takes care of approximately ten or fifteen children now and they are not a pre-school in anyway. It is operated out of a home. It is Little People's Child Care Center is what the name of the place is. It is a home of an individual, and yet at the same time, it is commercial and it is not commercial and I can't understand....can you give me a definition of what you mean by commercial. What would the status of this place be under this law?

SENATOR KELLY: I don't even know what street it is on, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I am not talking about the streets. Has that any relevance?